

DORSEY LOG HOUSE

AL-V-B-055

McMullen Highway, Robert's Place
ca. 1850

The Dorsey House was originally a two story log mansion. Several frame additions have been made to the log portion since its original construction and the entire structure is now covered with insul brick. The Dorsey House is in fair condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Dorsey Log

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

McMullen Highway, Robert's Place

CITY, TOWN

Robert's
Cumberland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER None**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Rollin D. Dorsey

Telephone #: 729-3504

STREET & NUMBER

12116 McMullen Highway

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland, -

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 481

Folio #: 854

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dorsey Log House is located on McMullen Highway in Robert's Place, Allegany County.

The Dorsey House is a two story, five bay wide irregular rectangular block. The original portion of the building, now located on the north side of the structure was constructed of logs. Frame additions abut the log section on the south and east sides. The entire building is now covered with insul brick and rests on a high stone foundation. The roof is gabled with a wide soffit and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the structure are double hung, pegged, wooden sash frames with six over six lights. The main entrance is located on the west facade. The door itself has been replaced; however, it does feature the original transom light. A three bay, hipped roof end porch is also located on the main facade. Five original corbeled brick chimneys are located in the inside gable ends of the building.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

During the first half of the 19th century the predominant form of architecture in Allegany County was the log cabin. These log houses were functional, sturdy and easy to construct. In many instances they were meant to provide temporary housing until the family could build a larger frame structure. In the case of the Dorsey House several frame additions were simply added to the original two story log mansion and the entire building was covered with clapboards.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

4/19/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-B-U55

DATE: 4/19/77

481/854
55'x120'

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Dorsey Log

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: McLullen Highway, Robert's Place

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West

NAME OF OWNER: Rollin D. Dorsey 729-3504

ADDRESS: 12116 McLullen Highway

Cumberland, Maryland 21502

STORIES: 1() 2(x) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5(x) 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Large/rectangular Southwest side rear addition 8'x20'

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
(x) LOG
(x) OTHER: Coverings Insul Brick

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6(x) 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged(x) nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: West
HARDWARE: original() replaced(x)
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards Replaced

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Boxed cornice
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: ~~Gable~~-front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # _____
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(x) hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 3 Brick(x) Stone() Corbeled(x) original(x) replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end(x) Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Residence

SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

DATE CONSTRUCTED: ca. 1850

CONDITION: Fair

I N T E R I O R

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () paneled: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER _____

LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal

MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:



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1949

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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● = SITE LOCATION



John E. Nelson



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Dorsey Log House

McMullen Highway, Roberts Place

John E. Nelson

4/19/77

Southwest



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Dorsey Log House

McMullen Highway, Robert's Place

John E. Nelson

4/19/77

Southwest



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Dorsey Log House

McMullen Highway, Robert's Place

John E. Nelson

4/19/77

northwest